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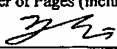
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re United States Patent Application of:****Applicant:** Jason C.H. SHIH**Application No.:** 10/007,613**Date Filed:** October 26, 2001**Title:** METHOD AND COMPOSITION  
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